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SUBJECT: IV NOMINATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL

REF: BROWN/LANCETTI LETTER JULY 29

1. EMABSSY PREPARED NOMINATE FOR REGULAR IV PROFESSIONAL/ EDUCATIONAL OBSERVATION TOURS TWO OFFICIALS WHO FALL WITHIN FMG FORBIDDEN CATEGORY. THIS NECESSITATES PRIVATE ORGANIZATION BE FOUND TO INVITE AND PROGRAM THEM WITHOUT VISIBLE USG ROLE OTHER THAN FACILITATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. REFERENCE LETTER DESCRIBED SITUATION REGARDING MALLAM ZAKARI MOHAMMED, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE KANO STATE. HAVE SINCE DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT CPM PROJECT WHICH PORPOSED SIMILAR PROGRAM FOR DR. LATEEF O. ADEGBITE WHO HOLDS SAME TITLE FOR WESTERN STATE (IBADAN). P. O. IBADAN DISCUSSED THIS LATTER POSSIBILITY WITH CU/AF WACHOB LAST SPRING.

2. EMBASSY AND CONSULATES BELIEVE BOTH CANDIDATED EXTREMELY INFLUENTIAL IN THEIR STATES. EXPECT BOTH MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO NEW STATE CONSTITUTIONS AS PART GENERAL EFFORT NIGERIA ESTABLISH FRAMEWORK OF LAW FOR POST 1976 GOVERNMENT. GRANT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY EXPLORE AMERICAN MODEL AND ENHANCE ADMIRATION WIDELY HELD BY NIGERIAN LEGAL FUGURES FOR AMERICAN SYSTEMS AND PRACTICE. GRANTS COMPLEMENT OTHER PROGRAMMING BY USIS AND CU EXCHANGES DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE NIGERIAN AGREEMENT AMERICAN VIEW THAT PREFERABLE SOLUTIONS MANY WORLD PROBLEMS

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TO BE FOUND IN RULE OF LAW.

3. THEREFORE URGENTLY REQUEST DAPARTMENT INITIATE SEARCH FOR APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION SUCH AS GAI, AAI, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, OR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL TO ISSUE INVITATION, AND PROVIDE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE STUDY OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL LEGAL SYSTEMS AND INTERACTION BETWEEN THEM. PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACETS TO BROADEN EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN SOCIETY AS BACKDROP TO WORKINGS OF JUDICIAL SYSTEM, AND SHOULD BE SO HANDLED THAT ENTIRE TRIP CAN BE MADE TO APPEAR PRIVATE RATHER THAN GOVERNMENTAL IN NATURE.

4. WILL SUBMIT FULL NIMINATIONS WITH BIODATA AFTER RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S INITIAL RESPONSE.
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